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2 **Material and methods**

3 **Plasmid vector construction.**

4 Human codon-optimized *Cas12i*, *TadA8e* and human *APOBEC3A* genes were
5 synthesized by the GenScript Co., Ltd., and cloned to generate
6 pCAG-NLS-Cas12i-NLS_pA_pU6_Bpil_pCMV_mCherry_pA by Gibson Assembly. crRNA
7 oligos were synthesized by HuaGene Co., Ltd., annealed and ligated into *Bpil* site to
8 produce the pCAG-NLS-Cas12i-NLS_pA_pU6_crRNA_pCMV_mCherry_pA.

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10 **Cell culture, transfection and flow cytometry analysis.**

11 The mammalian cell lines used in this study were HEK293T and N2A. Cells were cultured
12 in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% FBS,
13 penicillin/streptomycin and GlutMAX. Transfections were performed using Polyetherimide
14 (PEI). For variant screening, HEK293T cells were cultured in 24-well plates, and after 12
15 hours 2 µg of the plasmids (1 µg Cas12i of a mutant plasmid and 1 µg of the reporter
16 plasmid) were transfected into these cells with 4 µL PEI. 48 hours after transfection,
17 mCherry and EGFP fluorescence were analyzed using a Beckman CytoFlex
18 flow-cytometer. For assay of mutations in target sites of endogenous genes, 1 µg plasmid
19 with Cas12i targeting crRNA was transfected into HEK293T or N2A cells, which were then
20 sorted using a BD FACS Aria III, BD LSRFortessa X-20 flow cytometer, 48 hours after
21 transfection.

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23 **Detection of gene editing frequency.**

24 Six thousand sorted cells were lysed in 20 µl of lysis buffer (Vazyme). Targeted sequence
25 primers were synthesized and used in nested PCR amplification by Phanta Max
26 Super-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (Vazyme). Targeted deep sequence analysis was used to
27 determine indel frequencies. A-to-G or C-to-T editing frequencies were calculated by
28 targeted deep sequence analysis or Sanger sequencing and EditR. A-to-G editing purity
29 were calculated as A-to-G editing efficiency/ (A-to-T editing efficiency + A-to-C editing

30 efficiency + A-to-G editing efficiency). C-to-T editing purity were calculated as C-to-T
31 editing efficiency/ (C-to-A editing efficiency + C-to-G editing efficiency + C-to-T editing
32 efficiency).

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34 **PEM-seq.**

35 PEM-seq in HEK293 cells was performed as previously described²³. Briefly, all-in-one
36 plasmids containing LbCas12a, Ultra-AsCas12a, hfCas12Max, ABR001 or Cas12i2HiFi
37 with targeting TTR.2 crRNA were transfected into HEK293 cells by PEI respectively, and
38 after 48 hrs, positive cells were harvested for DNA extraction. The 20 µg genomic DNA
39 was fragmented with a peak length of 300-700 bp by Covaris sonication. DNA fragments
40 was tagged with biotin by a one-round biotinylated primer extension at 5'-end, and then
41 primer removal by AMPure XP beads and purified by streptavidin beads. The
42 single-stranded DNA on streptavidin beads is ligated with a bridge adapter containing
43 14-bp RMB, and PCR product was performed nested PCR for enriching DNA fragment
44 containing the bait DSB and tagged with illumine adapter sequences. The prepared
45 sequencing library was sequencing on an Hi-seq 2500, with a 2 x 150 bp.

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47 **RNP delivery and *ex vivo* editing.**

48 RNP was complexed by mixing purified hfCas12Max proteins with chemically synthesized
49 RNA oligonucleotides (Genscript) at a 1:2 molar ratio in 1X PBS. RNP was incubated at
50 room temperature for >15 min prior to electroporation with Lonza® 4D-Nucleofector™. 0.2
51 × 10⁶ cells were resuspended in 20 µL of Lonza buffer and mixed with 5 µL RNP with
52 different concentrations electroporated according to Lonza specifications. HEK293 or
53 CD3+ T cells were harvested 72 hrs post-electroporation for targeted deep sequence
54 analysis.

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57 LNPs were formulated with ALC0315, cholesterol, DMG-PEG2k, DSPC in 100% ethanol,
58 carrying *in vitro* transcription (IVT) mRNA and chemically synthesized RNA
59 oligonucleotides (Genscript) with a 1:1 weight ratio. LNPs were formed according to the

60 manufacturer's protocol, by microfluidic mixing the lipid with RNA solutions using a
61 Precision Nano-systems NanoAssemblr Benchtop Instrument. LNPs diluted in PBS were
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63 different dose by through tail intravenous injection. Cells were harvested 48 hrs
64 post-transfection for lysis and targeted deep sequence analysis. For in vivo editing, liver
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69 Super ovulated female C57 mice (7-8 weeks old) by injecting 5 IU of pregnant mare serum
70 gonadotropin (PMSG), followed by 5 IU of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) 48 hrs
71 later were mated to B6D2F1 males, and fertilized embryos were collected from oviducts
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73 sgRNA (100 ng/ μL) were mixed and injected into the cytoplasm of fertilized eggs in a
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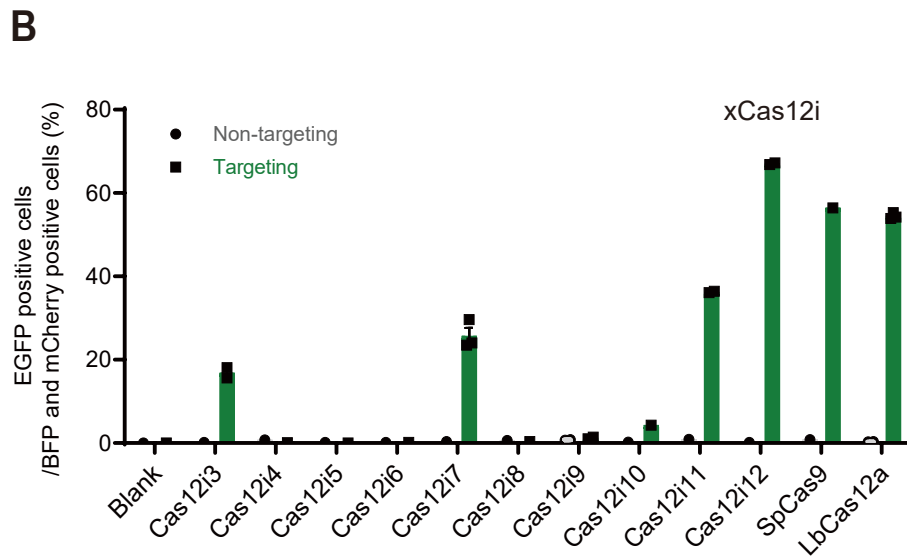
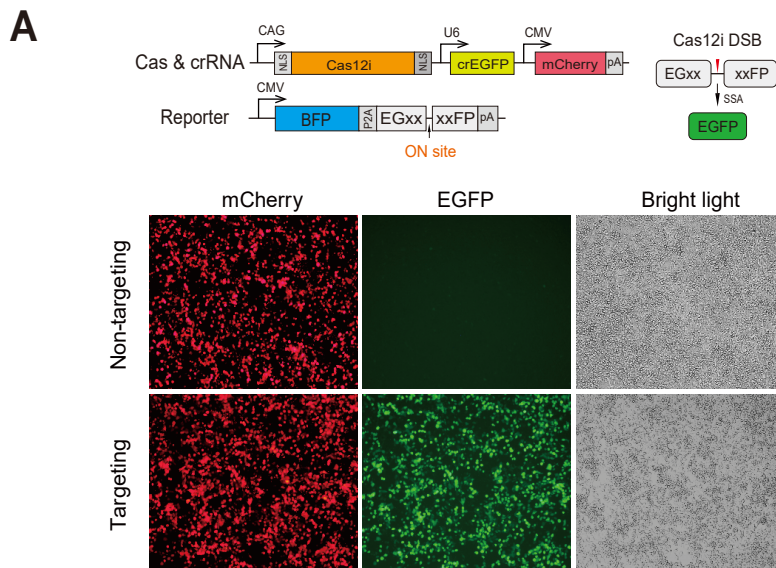
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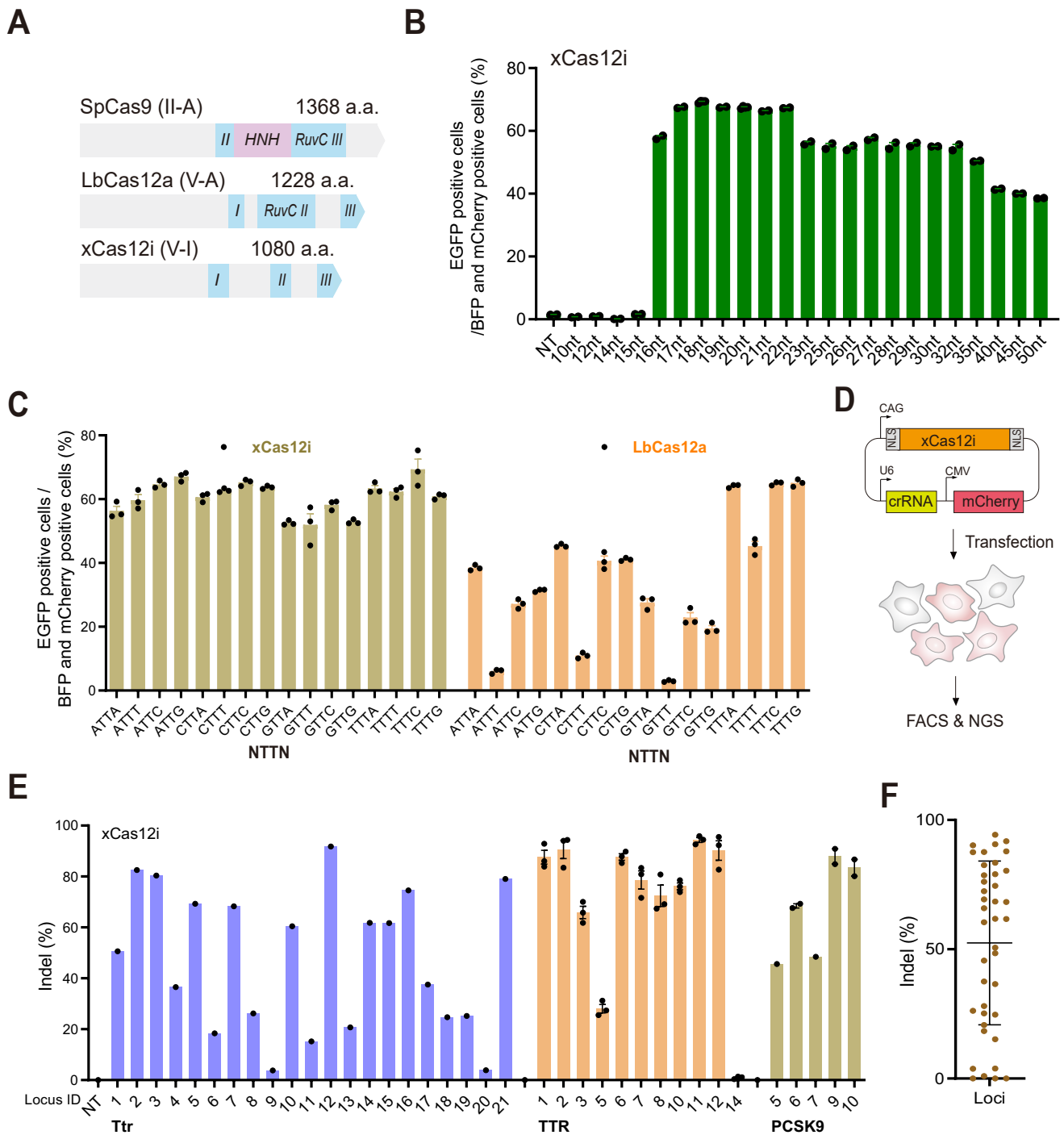
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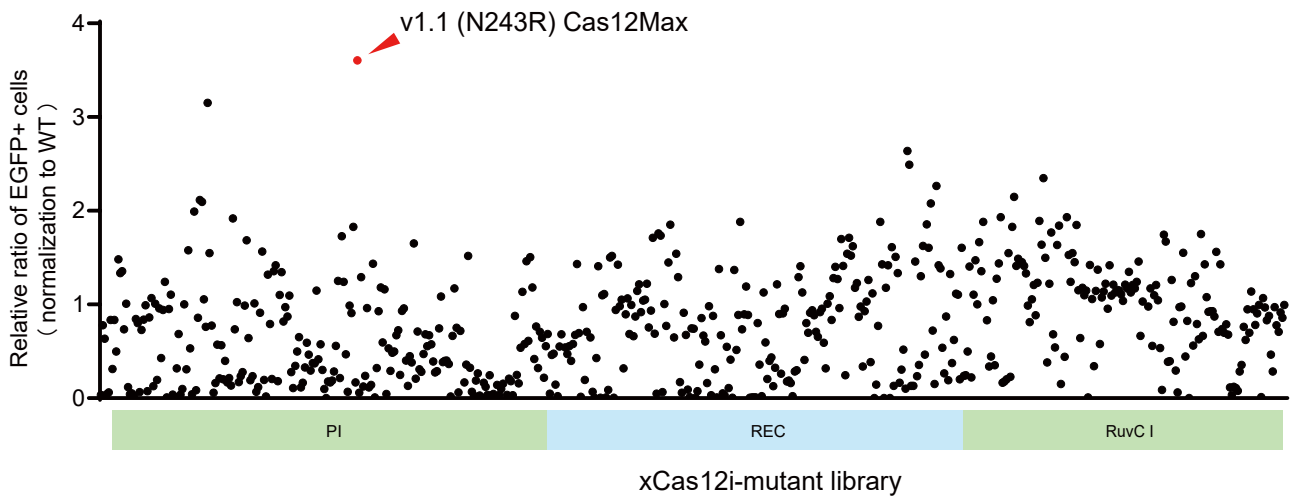


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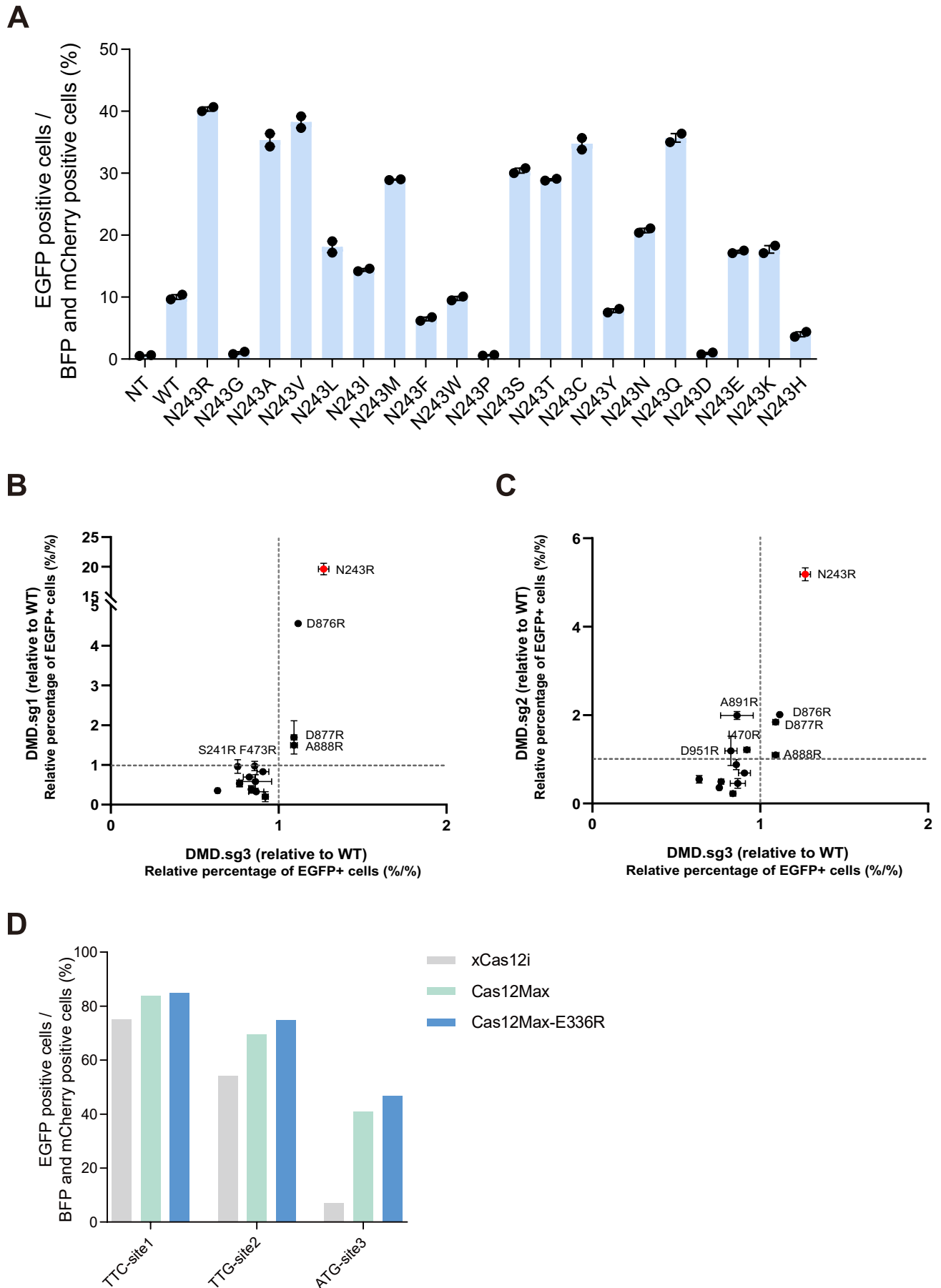


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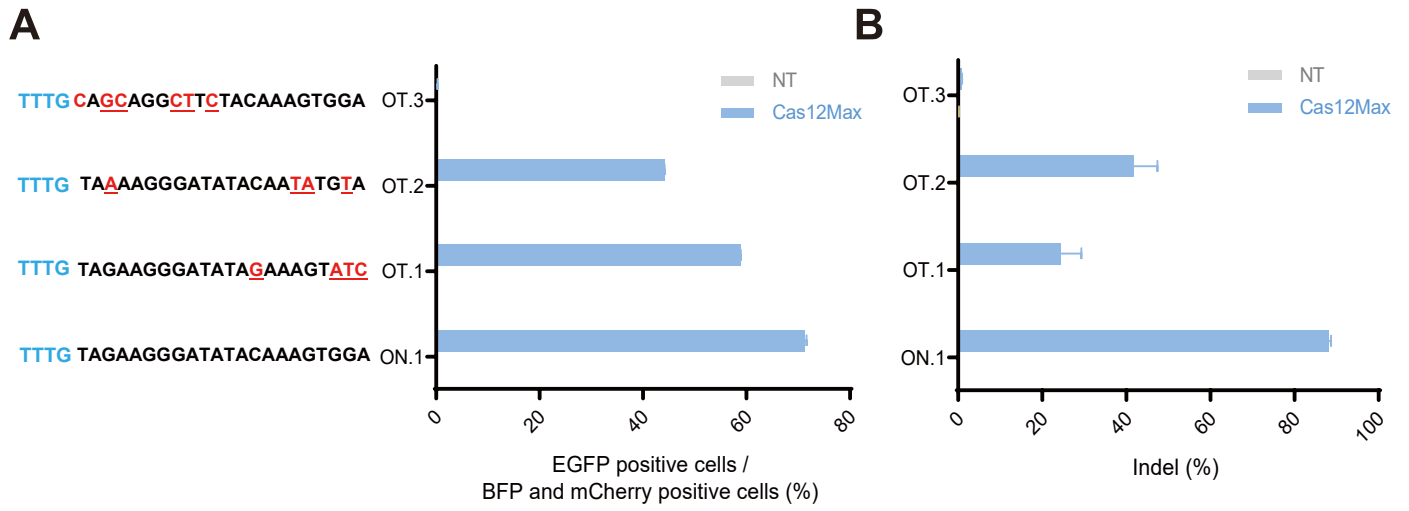
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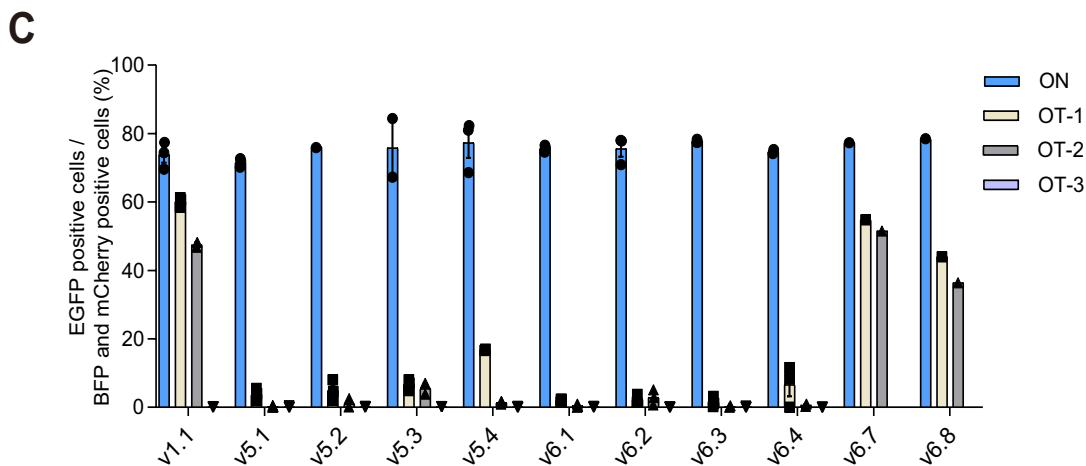
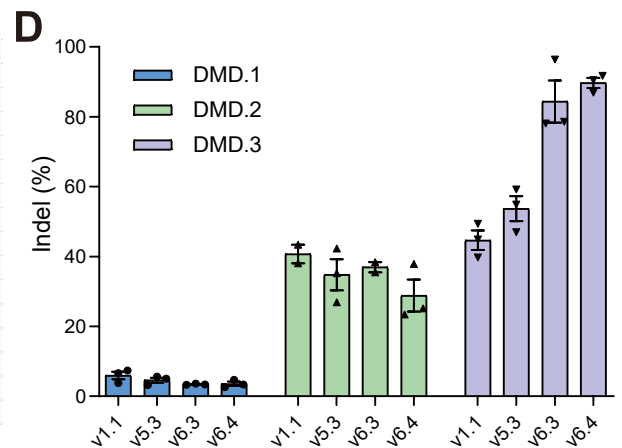
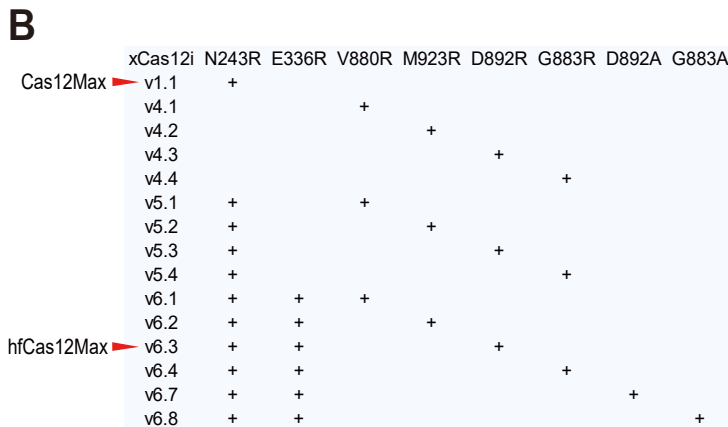
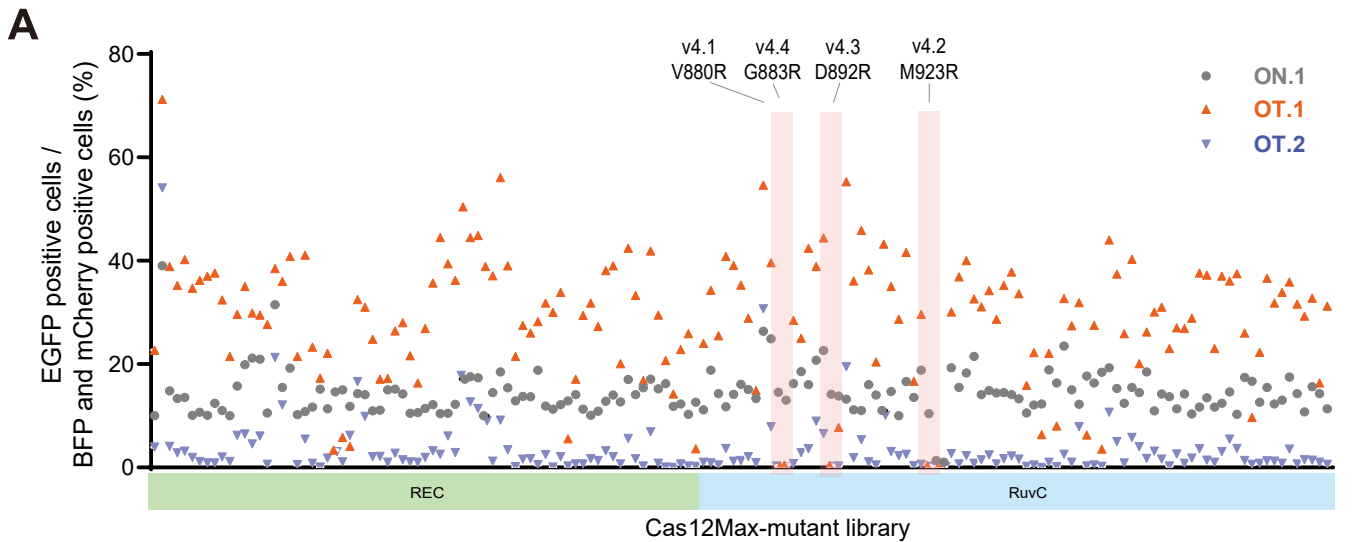
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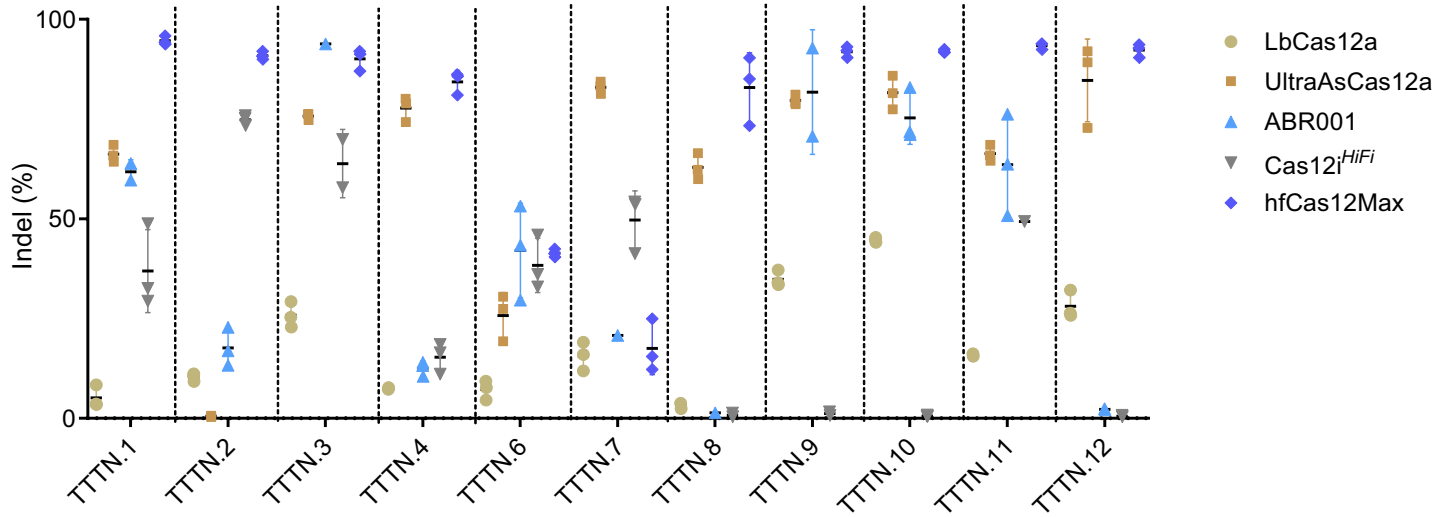
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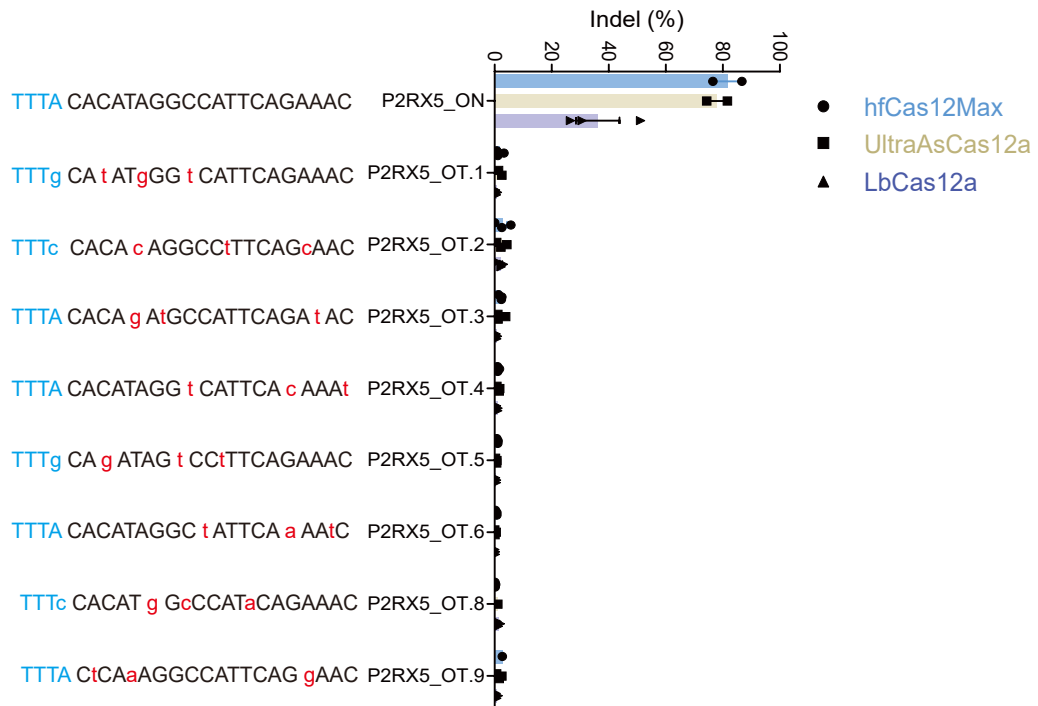


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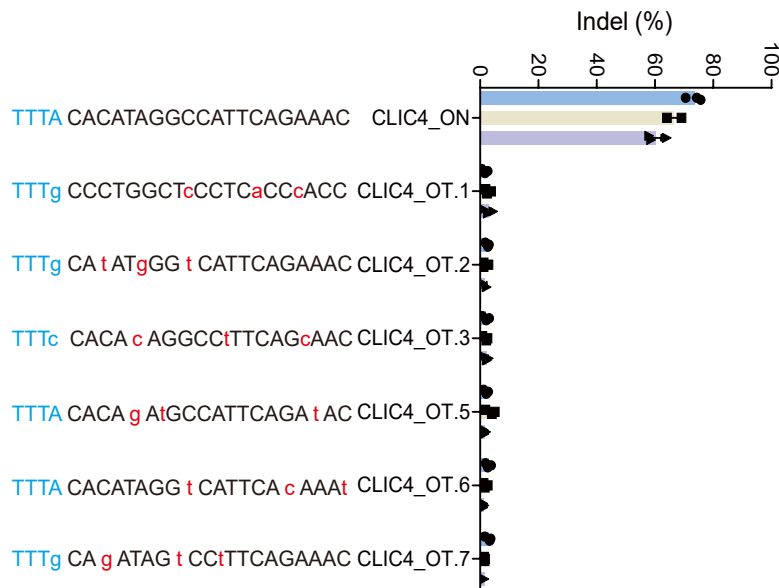


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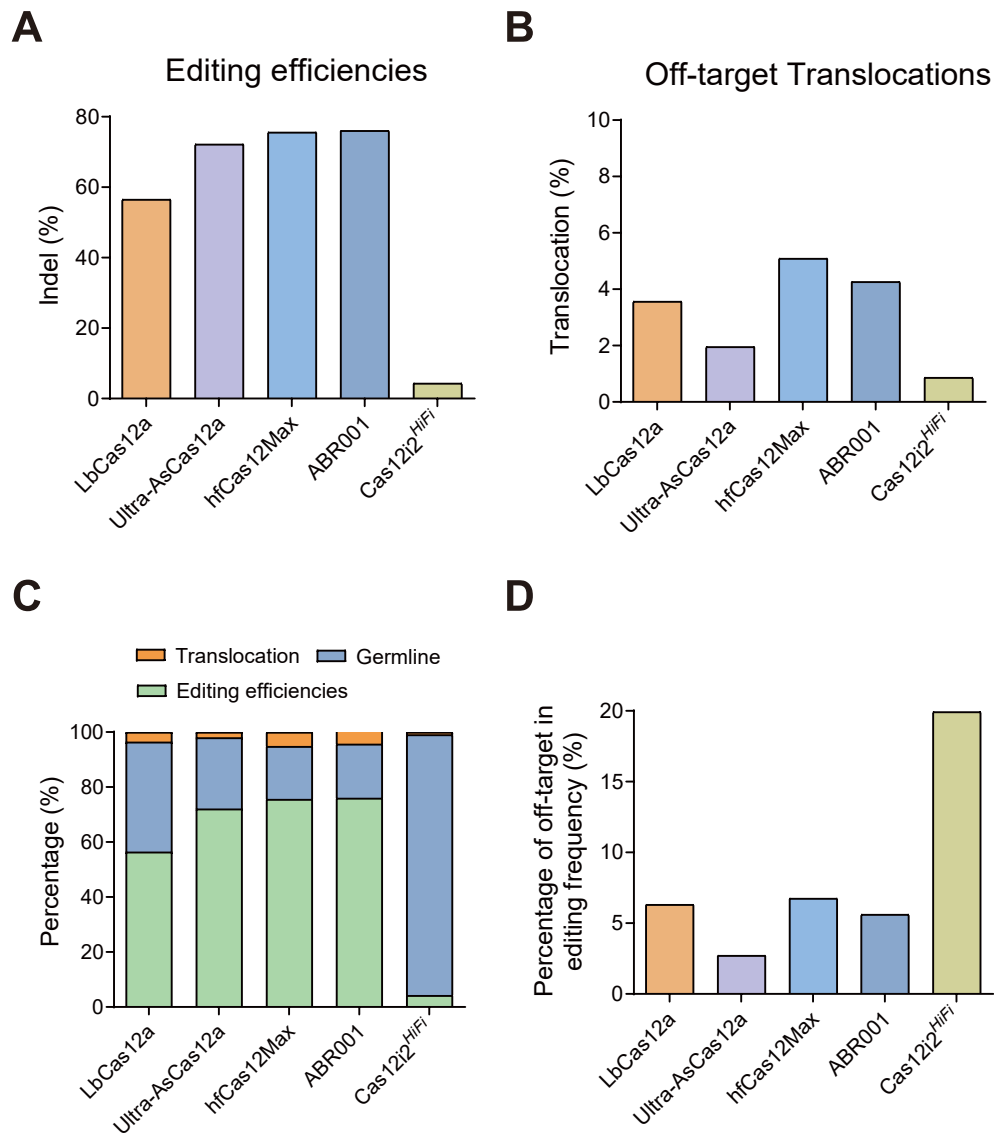
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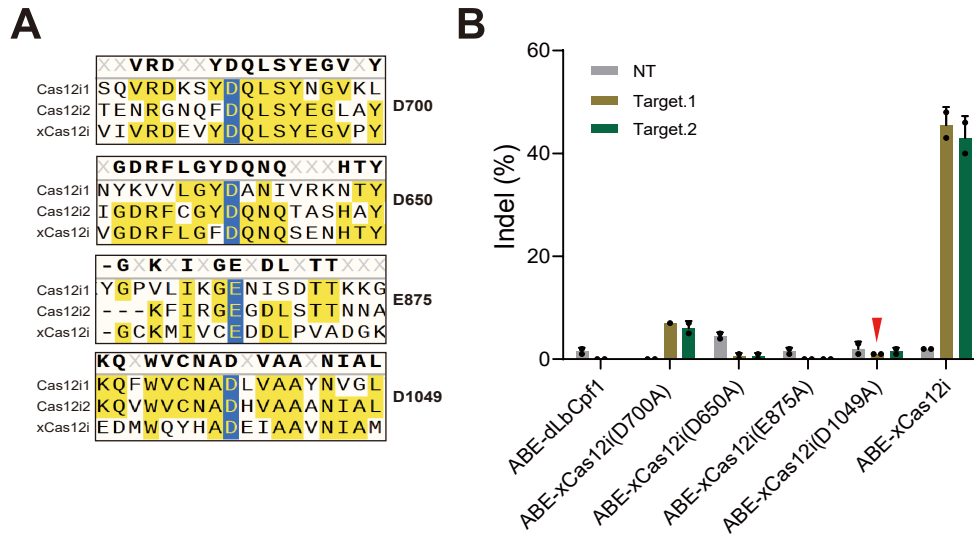
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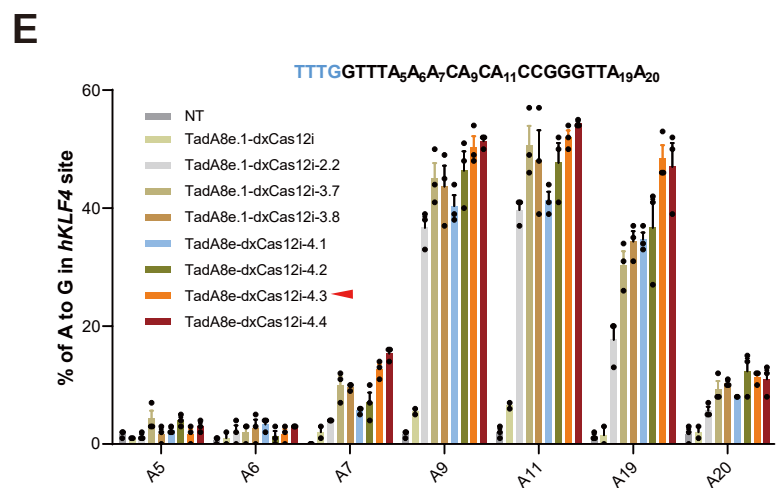
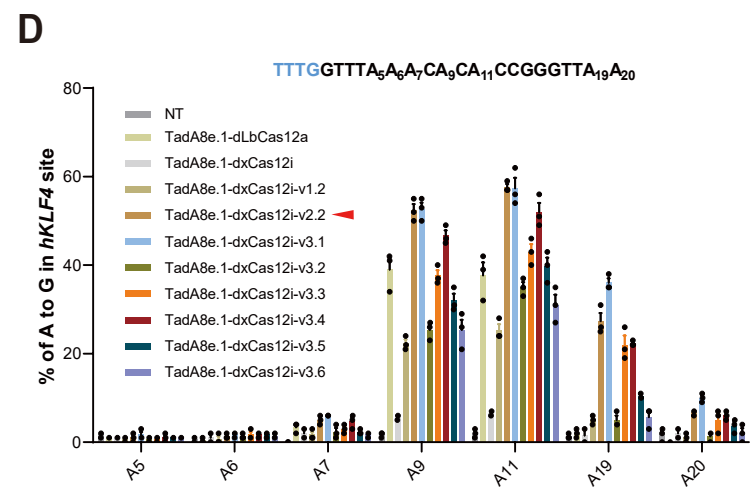
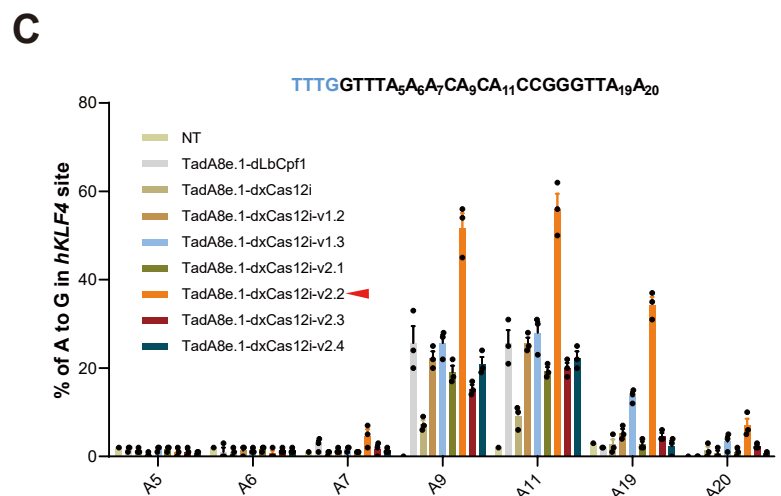
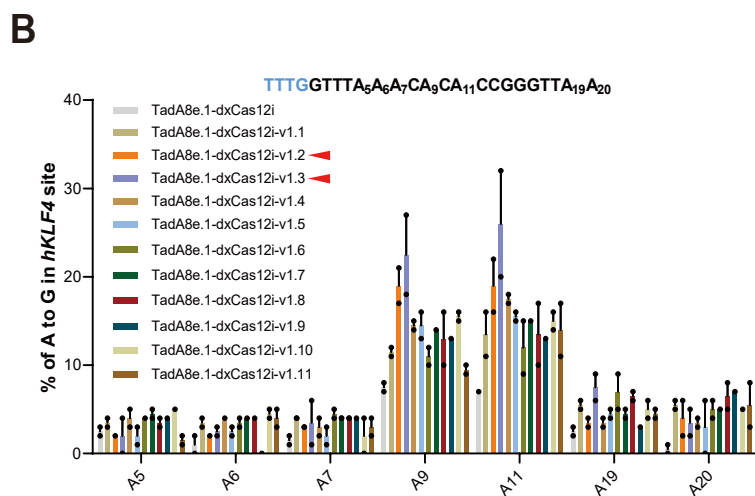
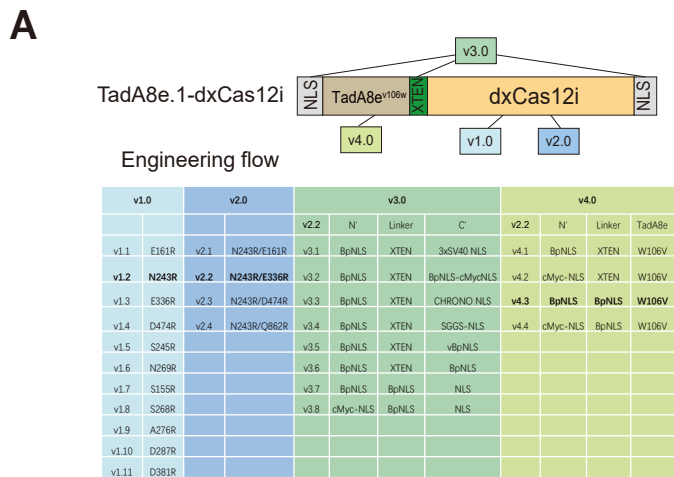
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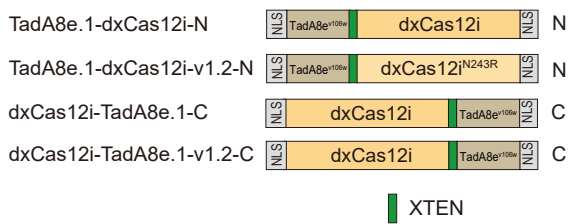
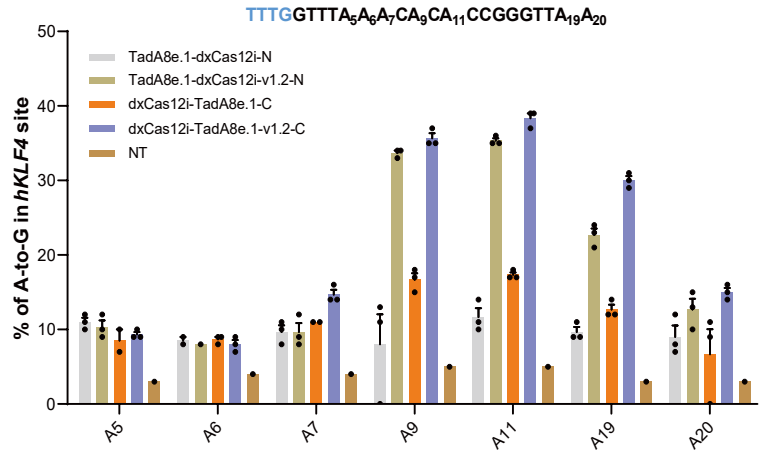
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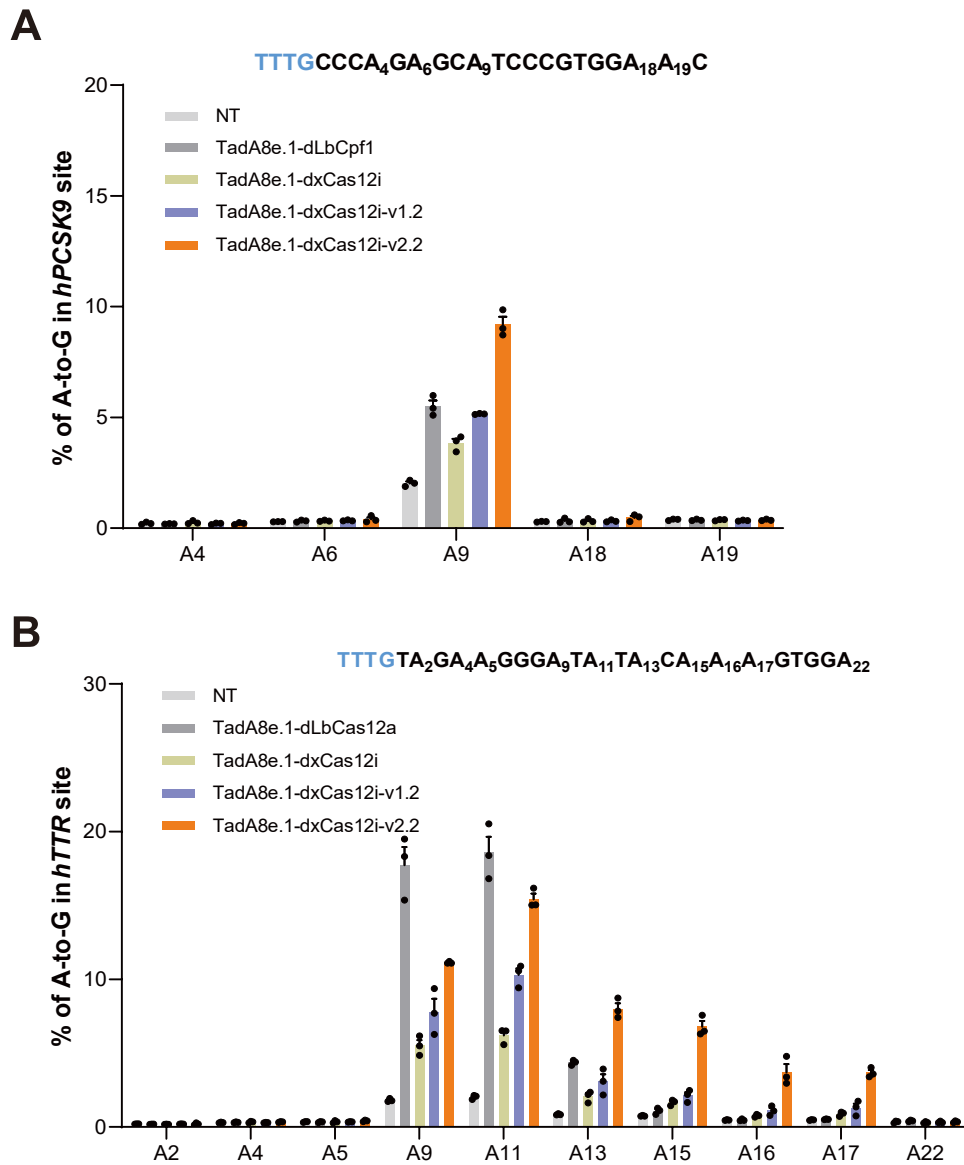
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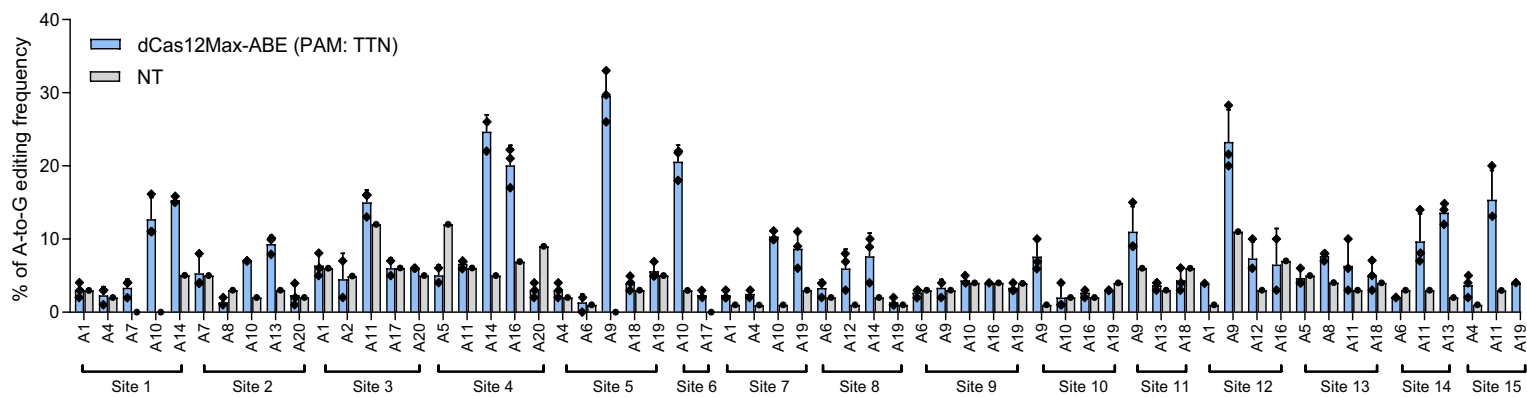
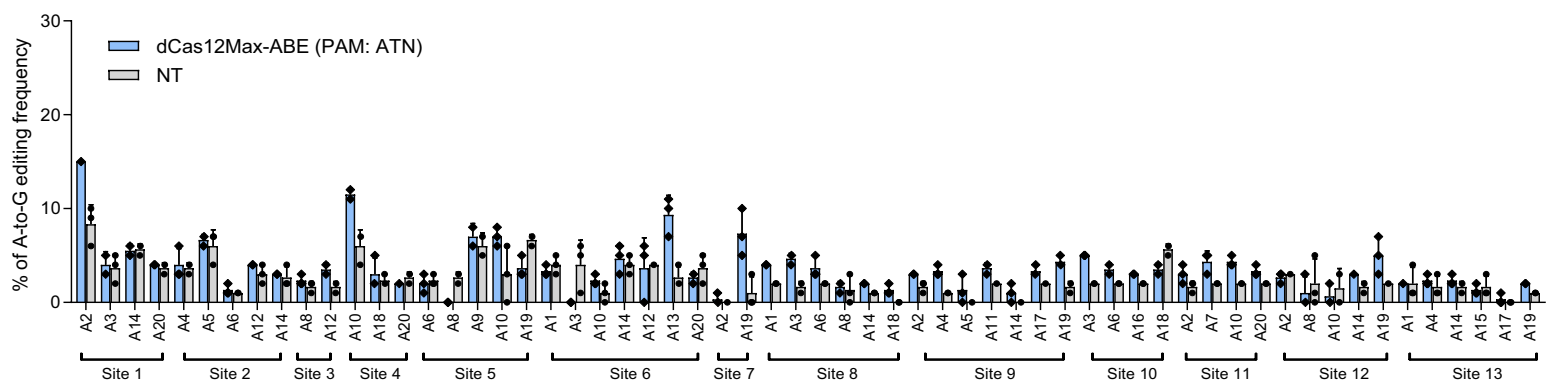
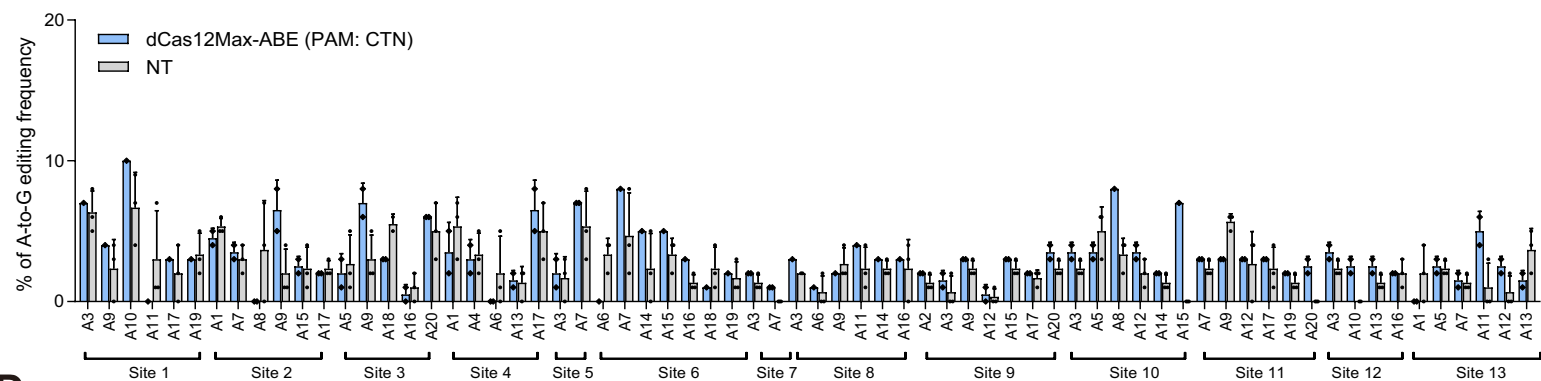
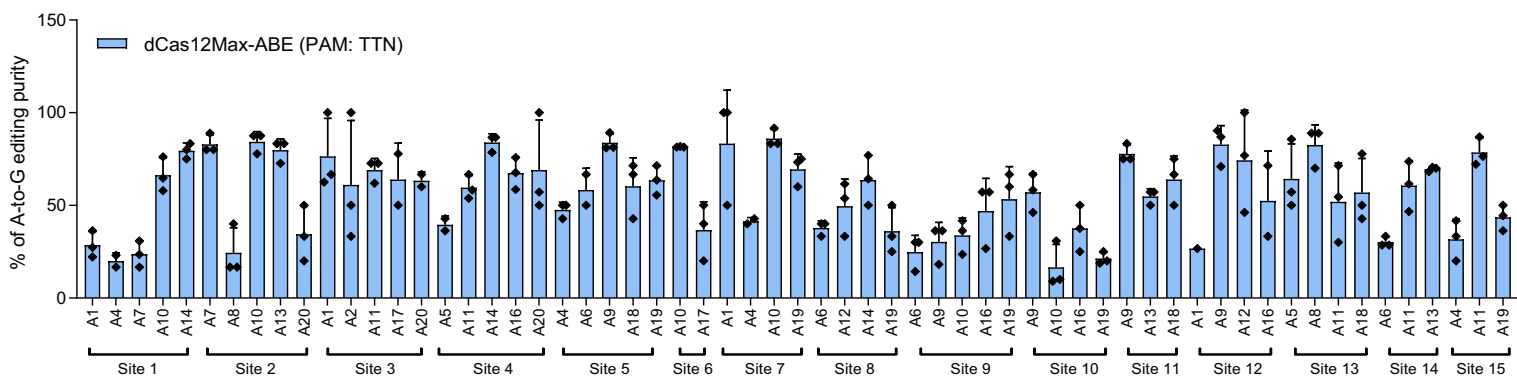
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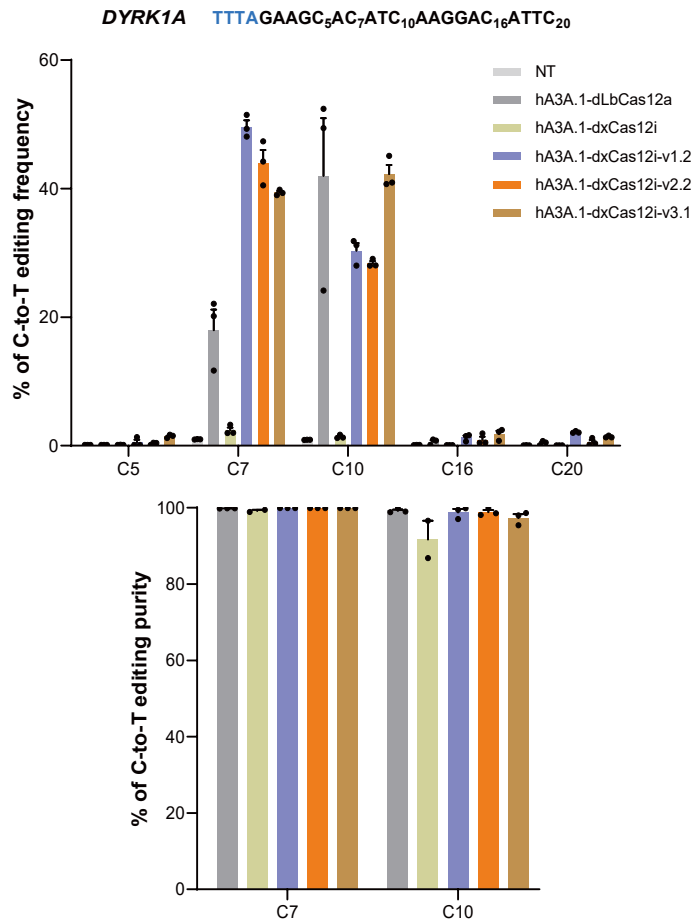
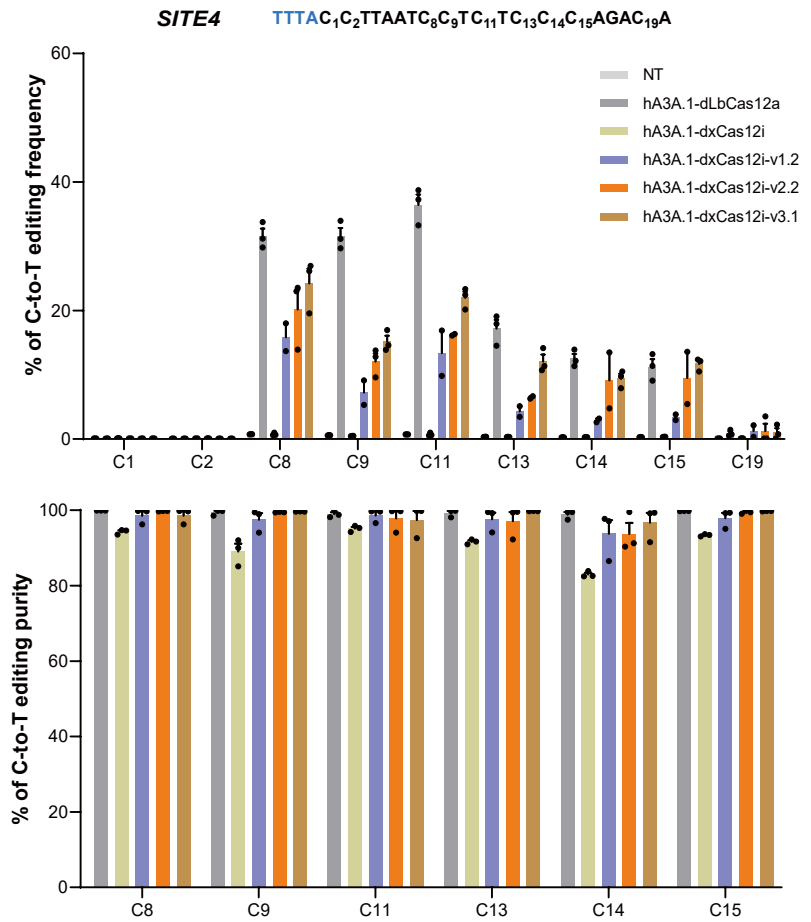
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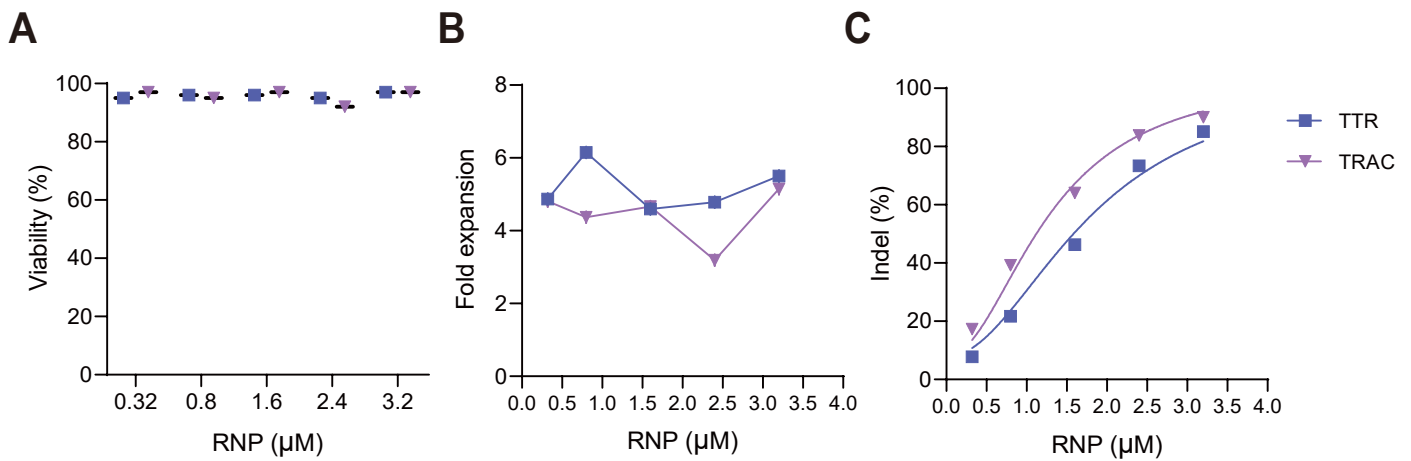
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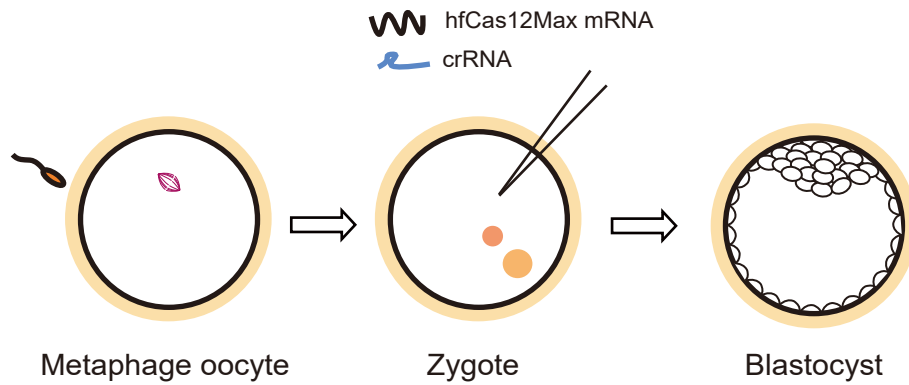
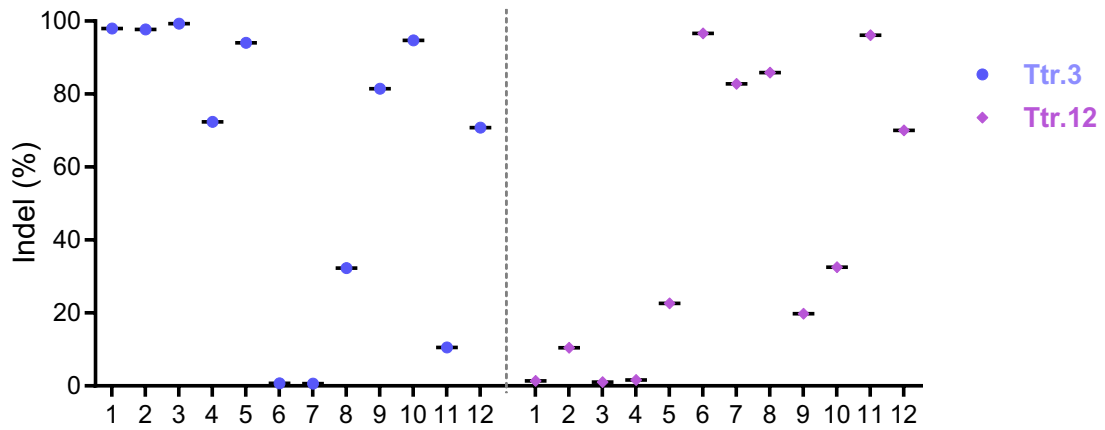
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Supplementary Figure 17. hfCas12Max mediates high editing efficiency in mouse blastocyst. **A**, Schematics of hfCas12Max gene editing in mouse blastocyst. hfCas12Max mRNA and targeted Ttr crRNA were injected into mouse zygotes, and the injected zygotes were cultured into blastocyst stage for genotyping analysis by targeted deep sequencing. **B**, Indel rates of hfCas12Max targeted Ttr.3 and Ttr.12 in mouse blastocyst (n=12).